

## News briefs

### New CMSAF named

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper has named Chief Master Sgt. Gerald R. Murray to serve as the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force. Murray assumes his new position July 1, following the June 28 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch. Finch's retirement culminates 28 years of service to the Air Force.

Murray, who joined the Air Force in October 1977, is currently the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. His career includes various assignments in aircraft maintenance and as the command chief master sergeant, 347th Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, and U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan. His biography is at [www2.hickam.af.mil/leaders/murray\\_gr.htm](http://www2.hickam.af.mil/leaders/murray_gr.htm).

### Changes of command

Lt. Col. Kevin Booth became the 52nd Operations Support Squadron commander in a change of command ceremony Tuesday. Booth, the former operations officer for the 23rd Fighter Squadron, replaces Lt. Col. Brian Smith.

Lt. Col. Michael Panosian became the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron commander during a change of command ceremony Thursday. The former surgical flight commander from Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, replaces Lt. Col. Lorrie Cappellino.

### Passport news

The American Consulate in Frankfurt no longer processes passports. All passports are currently issued by the National Passport Center, Portsmouth, N.H. Processing time takes about eight weeks. The American Consulate issues temporary passports for emergency cases only, such as medical evacuation.

Also, tourist passport fees increase in August to \$85 for initial passports, \$70 for initial passports for minors and \$55 for renewals. The base passport office processes walk-in applications for tourist passports each Tuesday from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., and Thursday from 8-11:30 a.m. Call Rita Merkes at 452-6813 for more information.

### Eifel School Board news

Eifel School Board members held the final meeting of the 2001-2001 school year May 23 in Spangdahlem Elementary School. Meeting topics included the need for more board nominees for next year's elections and a proposal to expand the mentorship program.

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Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

### Load check

Staff Sgt. Scott Neu, left, and Master Sgt. Rich Barnes, right, 52nd Fighter Wing Inspector General Office exercise evaluators, review loading documents with Tech. Sgt. Bruce Gegner, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron ramp coordinator augmentee. The main focus of the May 20-22 Phase I Local Salty Nation exercise was to test wing aircraft generation and deployment proficiency. Read more about what exercise evaluators look for during exercises and the wing's new star performer program on Page 4.

## Panthers take on 'Hawgsmoke'

### 81st FS team claims honors in worldwide A-10 competition

By Capt. George Worrall  
103rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Four 81st Fighter Squadron A-10 pilots won several active-duty operational unit top-honors in the worldwide A-10 competition known as "Hawgsmoke" held at Fort Drum, N.Y. May 16-17.

The competition included 17 teams from the Air National Guard, Air Force and Air Force Reserve. A four-member team from the Air Force Reserve's 47th Fighter Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base, La., took home the event first-place trophy. Overall, the Panthers placed in the middle of the pack, said Capt. Jeff Yost, 81st FS competition team member.

Individually, Capt. Charlie Wahl took second place in the tactical competition, which included strafing, a planned air interdiction bombing attack and a Maverick missile attack. Capt. Scott Petts tied for first in the computed Low-altitude, High-Density bomb-dropping competition with two direct hits, but lost on a tie-breaker, Yost said.

Although the Spangdahlem Air Base team gave the competition their best, Yost admits experience is tough to beat.

"There were a lot of very experienced A-10 pilots out there. Many of the Guard and Reserve teams were composed of only majors and lieutenant colonels," he said. "In addition, there were a very high number of fighter weapons school graduates in the competition. Several competing teams were also familiar with the bomb range and with flying in the local area."

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## Anti-terrorism program asks all to watch with 'Eagle Eyes'

Compiled from staff reports

Since only those people who live or work in a respective building or neighborhood know who or what belongs there, the latest Air Force anti-terrorism initiative now takes this into account.

"Eagle Eyes" has characteristics of a typical neighborhood watch program and Air Force officials consider that key in the continually improving anti-terrorism strategy.

"Since the Sept. 11 tragedies, the people of Team Eifel have provided tremendous support in the fight against terrorism. By using our best resource, that being our people, Eagle Eyes multiplies our detection capability. It gives us an additional, effective means to help prevent terrorist activities from occurring at Spangdahlem Air Base and its success rests on the Eifel community," said Lt. Col. Larry Laird, 52nd Security Forces Squadron commander.

According to Special Agent Todd Langenfeld, Detachment 518 commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, the program takes its cue from the experiences of British and Israeli authorities who have significant experience dealing with urban terrorism.

"They make it their business to pay a lot of attention to small things that, in combination, can indicate they're being

targeted," Langenfeld said. "Eagle Eyes is our model for doing just that. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to base authorities could thwart terrorist acts and save lives."

At Spangdahlem AB, anyone with something to report should immediately call the 52nd SFS Control Center.

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Regarding school board elections, members agreed to postpone voting for next year's representatives until after the summer PCS season. Officials currently seek nominees to represent Bitburg middle and elementary schools for next season's board.

School board member Lt. Col. Drew Fallis proposed having Eifel schools' mentoring programs run by one coordinator, rather than being managed as separate programs. Fallis further proposed the program be run at district level and managed by a single Department of Defense Dependent Schools employee to improve program efficiency.

For more information about the Eifel School Board, hot topics or other school information, visit [http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/52FW/52FW-\(no hyphen\)Groups/52SG\\_Staff/DODDS/](http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil/52FW/52FW-(no hyphen)Groups/52SG_Staff/DODDS/).

### Spangdahlem Air Base Web site

Newcomers can request mailboxes online by visiting Spangdahlem AB's .mil Web site at <http://www.mil.spangdahlem.af.mil/>. Access the request site by clicking on the First Look image, then on Getting Here and Online Mailbox Request links.

### Grill closed

Mosel Dining Hall serves only main serving-line menu items Thursday through June 24 due to manning shortages, resulting from deployment requirements.

### Under construction

Contractors began the second phase of the Bitburg Annex road-repaving project Monday. The finished section of the road behind the main exchange opens as a two way street. The road between the chapel and main exchange is closed for repaving. The gate next to the commissary is temporarily the contractor gate. People should continue using the entrance next to the annex gas station.

### Community relations

The 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office seeks people of various talents to register as a community-relations volunteer. Volunteers provide the office points-of-contact for local event requests. Talents may include dancing groups, choirs, musicians and historical associations. Call 452-6434 or e-mail [Bernard.Schaefer@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:Bernard.Schaefer@spangdahlem.af.mil) for more information.

### Parent support list

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services offers the parent-to-parent support list. The service helps connect parents of children or teens with similar mental health diagnoses. Call 452-8238 for details.

### Youth volunteers

The 52nd Services Squadron seeks two base teens to manage the youth YES program. Teens can earn \$4 hourly toward a college fund for volunteer work. volunteer. Call Tom Gilbert at 452-7545 for details.

### Off-base road closure

State road L-36 between Speicher and Herforst is closed now through late November due to construction. German officials advise people to take the detour from Speicher to the Trier Rathaus and then take L-46 toward Herforst.

## Contractors find inert ordnance on base

*Officials laud local cooperation  
in response to base emergency*

**Capt. Angela Johnson**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs office

Contractors excavating near building 739 found what was thought to be unexploded ordnance on May 29. They immediately reported the finding to their civil engineer escorts who notified the proper authorities. The command post then notified the emergency responders.

As a precautionary measure, base officials evacuated people from nearby buildings and established a cordon around the area. Host nation authorities were notified in the surrounding communities and worked closely with base officials to take appropriate precautions for the off-base population.

At about 3:30 p.m. that same day, both German and American experts determined the device was inert and declared it safe.

According to Col. Jake Polumbo, 52nd Operations Group commander, the cooperation between the Germans and Americans was great.

"The local authorities worked in conjunction with our personnel to ensure that all necessary precautions were taken,"



Courtesy photo  
**A 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal team member stands next to the inert ordnance recently found on base.**

he said. "Our German neighbors not only offered their help, but also their expertise, including a munitions expert from Koblenz."

The cooperation between the local community and the base ensured everyone's safety and proved that, through training, we are ready to respond when real-world situations happen, according to Polumbo.

## Eagle Eyes

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Security forces members will respond as appropriate to the immediate situation pass the report to OSI. From there, OSI agents will begin appropriate follow-up actions. This may include an agent responding to talk with the person who called in the report to gain additional information on what was seen or heard.

At the same time, the information will be communicated to OSI's central analytical center at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. At the center, agents compare the information with other Air Force reports and similar information from the Army, Navy and other federal agencies.

But, it all begins at the local level where terrorists conduct operational planning activities, Langenfeld said.

"Every terrorist operation is preceded by precursor events that people need to recognize and report," Langenfeld explained. "Terrorist acts don't just happen – they're carefully planned and rehearsed many, many times in advance."

According to the OSI detachment commander, the key is public awareness of what to look for and take note of – both on and off base.

"This is something the whole community needs to be involved in," he said. "Anyone – from active-duty military members, to family members, to government civilians, contractors and even off-base business proprietors – could see something out of the ordinary, report it and make the difference between a terrorist act occurring or not occurring. Our best chance to detect and prevent a terrorist act in our community is to vigilantly report it. The more eyes and ears we can enlist to be on the lookout for

  
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suspicious activity, the more difficult we can make it for terrorists to act."

People shouldn't be gun-shy about reporting incidents that could turn out to be innocent behavior, Langenfeld said.

"That's bound to happen from time to time, but you don't know if it's innocent until you report it and have it checked out," he explained. "We're much less concerned about too much reporting than we are with too little. When lives are at stake, it's better to be safe than sorry. If in doubt, report it. Your call could make the difference. The bottom line is if something bothers you or doesn't seem right, tell someone."

"Eagle Eyes is an excellent opportunity for the Eifel community to raise awareness and thwart terrorist activity," said Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander. "I encourage everyone to get involved and with your help, we can make this program successful."

### Activity warranting report

People noticing the following activities, should call the security forces control center at 452-6666 or commercial 06565-616666.

■ **Surveillance** – Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include using cameras, taking notes, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

■ **Solicitation** – People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Solicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone or in person.

■ **Security tests** – Attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses.

■ **Acquiring supplies** – Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. This also includes acquiring military uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges, the equipment to manufacture such items or other controlled items.

■ **Suspicious looking people** – People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood or business establishment. This includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

■ **Dry run** – Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

■ **Deploying assets** – People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

# ALS class 02-5 graduates

**By Staff Sgt. Latitia R. Austin**  
Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Jordan A. Tresham received top honors from Airman Leadership School Class 02-5.

During the May 17 graduation ceremony, the 22nd Fighter Squadron member received the John L. Levitow award.

Senior Airman Donald D. Pillay, 52nd Communications Squadron, received the class academic achievement award. Senior Airman Anthony J. Goings, 81st FS, received the Leadership award. Distinguished graduates were Senior Airmen Randall R. Merrihew, 606th Air Control Squadron; Carrie J. Hoppe, 81st FS; Anthony J. Goings, 81st FS and Melissa C. Harmon, 22nd FS.

The other 39 senior airmen

graduating were:

## Eagle Flight

Margarita Atchley, 52nd CS; Phillip Q. Crane, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Thomas J. Diamond Jr., 52nd Services Squadron; Matthew P. Flores, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional); Brian C. Fong, 606th ACS; Robert D. Melton, 52nd LRS (P); Denise M. Moller, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; Paul D. Mugli, 81st FS; Michael A. Tooke, 52nd EMS; Tanya R. Vinson, 52nd Comptroller Squadron and Rickey A. Walkes, 606th ACS.

## Falcon Flight

David W. Brooks, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Marian Castillo, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; Melani B. T. Crisosto, 52nd CES; Daniel J. Durtschi, 52nd EMS; David J. French, 22nd FS; Juan P.

Jimenez, 52nd EMS; David A. Key, 606th ACS; Dean E. Kunz, 22nd FS; Chad M. Love, 52nd EMS; Scott W. Moller, 52nd SFS; Amy K. Muggerud, 606th ACS; Wesley A. Nimmo, 52nd EMS; Angela Santiago Otero, 52nd LRS (P) and Christopher Wright, 52nd CS.

## Warthog Flight

Calevin N. Baker, 52nd Component Repair Squadron; Nancy R. Boots, Allied Forces North Europe; Christopher G. Brooks, 52nd CS; Chester Daffern Jr., 52nd SFS; Jon P. Dalton, 23rd FS; Laurie L. Hannan, 606th ACS; Marco K. Hill, 52nd SFS; James W. Jackson, 52nd LRS(P); Aaron M. Joel, 52nd EMS; Robert B. Madsen, Jr., 52nd EMS; Larry J. Mikinka, 52nd LRS(P); Crystal Ossi, 52nd LRS(P); Marcell A. Smalls, 52nd EMS and Michelle Wilkerson, 52nd Medical Support Squadron.



(Courtesy photo)

## Outstanding response

Members of the 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany, fire prevention flight hustle back to their trucks after responding to a "fire" onboard a C-130E aircraft. Joint Safety and Security Inspection officials said the 852nd MUNSS gave the inspection exercises an outstanding response in May as members performed render-safe actions, decontamination controls, mobile command post communications and initial response force reporting.

## Hawgsmoke

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Despite the challenges, the 81st FS team is especially proud of taking second in the air interdiction bomb attack.

"All four of us were able to find an unfamiliar target from low altitude and deliver simulated CBU-87, only seconds off from our designated time-on-target," Yost recalled. "I attribute this success to the wide range of training and rapidly changing conditions we encounter daily while flying in Europe. We're able to adapt to unfamiliar situations and perform well under pressure."

Sixty-two A-10 aircraft represented all but one of the world's "warthog" units. Crews came from as far away as Europe and Korea to pilot their A-10 Thunderbolt II's in the competition, which was hosted by the previous winning team, the 118th Fighter Squadron, Connecticut Air National Guard.

"Day one was a tactical competition where they practiced employing against a target out on the field with controlled timing and day two was live bombing and strafe

(firing the A-10's Gatling gun against a target)," said Lt. Col. Landis Cook, pilot and Hawgsmoke lead judge from the 118th FS.

Cook explained that the judges compared the digital tape that objectively shows the details of the mission to the videotape from inside the aircraft. The aircraft video shows what the pilot saw on instruments to determine accuracy.

The competition focuses on accurately dropping bombs, firing the Maverick missile and strafing proficiency with the A-10's 30 mm Gatling gun. The judges added up the individual and team scores to determine winners based on where their bombs landed and how well they shot.

The runners up, both from the Air National Guard, for the overall team award were the 131st Fighter Squadron, Barnes Municipal Airport, Mass. in second place and the 104th Fighter Squadron, Baltimore, Md. in third place.

"Two reasons the guard and Reserve did so well is the average experience level is higher than active-duty, and while the guard and Reserve operations tempo is higher

than it was, the active duty [tempo] is still higher," said Maj. Kevin J. Campbell, who led the third place team. "Their (active-duty) ability to focus and prepare for this (competition) is more limited. Each member of my team had 1,500 (flying hours), on average about 500 more hours per team member than the active-duty flies."

At the awards ceremony May 18, Lt. Col. Daniel Peabody, from the Connecticut unit that organized the competition, explained that they decided to continue with the competition for two reasons after the events of Sept. 11.

One reason was because the relatively small community of A-10 units can benefit from the personal relationships that competition fosters as they work together on tactics in military hot spots across the world.

"The other (reason) is to send the message that (although) we don't have a lot of smart weapons on the A-10 ... we have a lot of smart pilots and maintenance people who can deliver actual ordinance onto actual targets," said Peabody.

## Accidents

**By John Keeler**  
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Reports and Analysis

Team Eifel members experienced 37 vehicle accidents in the past two weeks, six of which were major.

The first accident was on B-50 near the L-46 turnoff. An airman made a left turn onto B-50 when a local national collided with his vehicle causing it to flip and come to rest on the side of the road. There were no injuries. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage, and were towed from the scene.

The second happened on L-46 in the direction of Spangdahlem at the L-39 intersection. A security force's investigation revealed a local national ran a red light and struck the passenger side of an airman's vehicle. There were no injuries. The airman's vehicle sustained a major dent to

the passenger rear quarter panel and a dented frame. The local national's vehicle sustained disabling damage to the front of the vehicle and was towed from the scene.

The third was on L-257 in the vicinity of Castel's in Bitburg. Investigations revealed an airman attempted to negotiate a turn on Denkmastasse from Erdorferstrasse when she struck a local national's vehicle on the driver's side. Injuries are unknown. The airman's vehicle sustained a warped door, dented hood, detached front bumper and engine damage. The local national's vehicle sustained undisclosed damage to the front of his vehicle, and was towed from the scene.

The fourth accident happened on L-46 in the direction of Manderscheid. Investigation revealed a family member who was not familiar with the road configuration

approached the traffic circle at a high rate of speed, and she slid off the road while entering the traffic circle. There were no injuries and the extent of vehicular damage is unknown. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The fifth accident happened on B-50 approximately 200 meters from the Spangdahlem-side traffic circle. The airman said that while she was driving she took her eyes off the road to reposition a bag. Then the car slid off the road and rolled over. The individual was transported to the Bitburg Emergency Room where she was treated for a sore neck and minor scratches. The vehicle sustained a crushed roof and was towed from the scene.

The final accident reported was on L-46 adjacent to mile marker 2.7 outside of

Herforst. Initial investigation revealed an airman lost control of his vehicle because a tire came apart while he was driving. The out of control vehicle struck a road marker and rolled approximately six times before coming to rest on an embankment. Speicher ambulance services took the airman and passengers to the Bitburg Krankenhaus for minor injuries and they were then released.

The 31 minor accidents involved:

- Four from backing.
- Nineteen from inattentive driving.
- Six parking lot related.
- Two Driving-Under-the-Influence and fleeing of the scene.

In addition, 93 citations were issued. The 21st DUI of the year occurred on June 1.





Photos by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Tech. Sgt. Paula Southerland, right, 52nd Fighter Wing Inspector General Office deployment command and control center exercise evaluator, observes Master Sgt. Dennis Gerstenkorn, left, and Tech. Sgt. Jared Maher, DCC transportation representatives, track the wing's deployment status. Evaluators helped pinpoint areas for improvement during the Phase I Local Salty Nation exercise, May 20-22. Throughout the exercise this week, wing members had the opportunity to tap into evaluators' expertise to improve unit deployment efficiency.

## Evaluators help keep procedures in check

### Wing exercise monitors provide feedback to improve wartime function efficiency

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It's fairly easy to spot wing exercise evaluators. They're the "non-players" with the "EET" badges and are commonly seen jotting quick notes on their clipboards.

However, their non-player status doesn't make them exempt from wing exercises, according to Lt. Col. Grant Bishop, 52nd Fighter Wing Inspector General Office chief.

On the contrary, evaluators are responsible with helping improve wing deployment and wartime functions by recognizing problem areas as wing members work through processes, he explained.

During the wing's past Phase I Local Salty Nation exercise May 20-22, evaluators monitored wing members as they fulfilled a command-level Euro Lightning operational readiness exercise. The exercise called for a rapid-response deployment of wing fighter jets within 24 hours and more than 200 wing members for expeditionary combat support.

In addition, wing emergency response teams faced a "terrorist car-bomb attack," pulling the base fire prevention flight, explosive ordnance disposal and security forces in the mix among others. This tested wing command and control's ability to move through different threat conditions, while still accomplishing the deployment mission, despite base lock-downs.

Evaluators closely monitored wing members as they processed tasking orders; created aviation, equipment and personnel deployment packages; loaded cargo; medically processed "deploying" members; and maintained operational,

communications and base security.

"Throughout the exercise, I monitor for discrepancies in paperwork and in processes," said Tech. Sgt. Paula Southerland, 52nd FW/IG exercise evaluator. "I also coordinate with other evaluators working in the same function so we can compare notes and see where there are problem areas. Basically, we look for show-stoppers and bottle-necks."

Evaluators know the procedures members should follow because they've done the job before themselves, said Bishop.

"Evaluators are typically the more experienced personnel in their specialized field," said the IG chief. "They have a thorough understanding of the various regulations and technical orders."

During cargo loading, common evaluation "dings" include not having the proper equipment documentation or safety violations, such as a load-crew member not wearing protective gloves. Although they may seem minor, such process "shortcuts" can add up, costing the wing successful mission accomplishment.

The solution is simple, according to Bishop. Even if an evaluator has seen the infraction, if an exercise player notices a mistake, fix it, Bishop suggests. This can prevent a minor mistake from becoming a larger one.

Despite the fact exercise evaluations can seem harsh, they aren't all negative, according to Master Sgt. Cliff Landreth, 52nd FW/IG. Evaluators also record what's being done right. The wing IG office recently implemented a new "outstanding performers" program to recognize members



Tech. Sgt. James Brown, 52nd FW/IG personnel processing exercise evaluator, reviews eligibility files maintained by Staff Sgt. Eric Rozet, 52nd Mission Support Squadron eligibility technician, during the exercise May 21.

going "above and beyond," during exercises.

"The program is beneficial to those doing the job right," said Landreth, program manager. "In addition to base-wide recognition, it provides good (enlisted performance report) package material."

At end-exercise, evaluators share their information with IG members who compile the information. The IG office reports it to the wing and unit commanders, and other unit representatives during an "exercise hot wash." The exercise out-briefs were once only open to group commanders who funneled the information to their units.

Today, the briefings are open to all unit representatives so they can hear the evaluators' findings first hand, Bishop said.

The evaluator's ultimate goal isn't to criticize, but to help the wing successfully fulfill its wartime goal.

"We're striving for excellence," Southerland said. "We have to, because as deployable military members, anything less can cost us more than a just an unsatisfactory exercise grade."

A complete list of 52nd FW Phase I, LSN exercise "Outstanding Performers" will be printed in a future issue of the Eifel Times.



Courtesy photo

### Bad scent

A a 110-volt Glade Plug-In air freshener plugged into a 220-volt outlet caused a recent fire in Speicher leased housing, according to Chief Master Sgt. George Chambers, Spangdahlem Air Base fire prevention flight chief. The fire burned-out before the residents returned home. Such products, sold in base commissaries and exchange facilities, aren't designed for use in 220-volt outlets. Plugging the unit into the wrong outlet may result in the unit overheating and a fire. Consumers should read product instructions on these or any electrical product before using in off-base housing.

# Prevent . Avoid barbecue burnout ' safety blunders

By Inge Lersch  
52nd Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Flight

Everybody loves a good barbecue, but unsafe outdoor cooking can lead to tragedy. It's possible to enjoy a sizzling-hot summer without getting burned.

When the time comes to haul out the family grill, give some thought to this fire department advice.

Keep barbecue grills far away from anything that burns, such as flammable home exteriors, cars and dry vegetation. Stay close to fired grills and keep children and pets well away from the area.

When barbecuing, protect the cook by providing a heavy apron and an oven mitt that fits high above the forearm. If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for about 15 minutes. Don't fall for the old wives' tale of using butter on burns. It just seals in heat and can result in additional skin tissue damage. Seek immediate medical attention for serious burns, including charred skin.

Grills must never be used inside the home because, in addition to the fire hazard of indoor barbecuing, grills give off noxious gases and can result in carbon monoxide poisoning.

If lightning appears while you're grilling, seek shelter and wait for the storm to pass.

For charcoal grills, only use starter fluids designed for barbecue grills. Never use gasoline. Use a limited amount of starter fluid before lighting the fire. If the fire is too slow, rekindle the fire and add more charcoal. Don't add liquid fuel to re-ignite or build up a fire because flash fires can result.

When done cooking, soak the coals with water before discarding them and leave the grill away from the house until completely cool.

For gas grills, always store the gas cylinder outside, away from structures. Turn off the valves when not in use. Check the grill



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

Base picnic pavilions offer an alternative place for summer barbecues. Call 52nd Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Center at 452-7170 to reserve grills.

frequently for gas connection leaks by using a soap-and-water mixture that will show bubbles as gas escapes.

When purchasing a gas grill, select one that bears the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Follow manufacturer's instructions and have it repaired by a trained professional.

By following these simple steps, wing members can all keep summer activities fire-safe. For more information on summer fire safety, call the fire prevention flight at 452-5292 or 452-5297.

## Teacher inspires students to think 'Big' about books

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Spangdahlem Elementary School second-grader Ashley Ferry liked the idea of walking to the middle school to hear the eighth-graders' "Big Books" stories.

In addition to a day off from class, Ashley found the tales interesting. The daughter of a Defense Department Dependent Schools teacher, she also liked seeing what it will be like to be in middle school.

Since that day, six years has passed and Ashley recently had the opportunity to read her "Big Books" story to SES second-graders. Slightly nervous, but excited about sharing what took three months to complete, the eighth-grader told the tale, "Freddy Takes a Detour."

Ashley was one of about 60 students from Juanita Anderson's eighth-grade class to read their original stories to an audience May 23-24 in the school library. Anderson started the "Big Books" project six years ago as way for students to develop their writing skills. The writing teacher said she also hopes the project encourages them to continue writing because of the experience they've gained from successfully completing a "published" work.

Anderson's students begin working on their stories in March.

"Getting to the completed project isn't



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Spangdahlem Elementary School second-graders prepare to listen to Spangdahlem Middle School eighth-grader Ashley Ferry's "Big Book" story. One of the second-grade students helps Ashley hold the book and the turn pages.

easy," Ashley said. "There are a lot of guidelines."

Anderson ensures every one of her students follows a strict format when creating their books — they must all include a plot that would interest a second-grader, setting, conflict and strong conclusion. The discipline is designed to guide her students to produce stories fit for classroom "publishing" and

prepare students for higher-grade level demands.

"I have to admit at times it's a frustrating project for me because I hold really high expectations for the books and the students often see it as a fun project," Anderson said.

Although many of the students find the project exciting, coming up with an original idea for the story is a common challenge,

Anderson said. Some students ask their younger siblings if they think their idea would make an interesting story, but appealing to 7- and 8-year-olds is tough.

"They're their worst critics," Anderson said.

To make their stories more interesting, some students, such as Jacob Helsham and Manuelito Cristobal also incorporated their artistic talents by adding hand-drawn illustrations to each page.

Anderson plans to continue the program as long as it helps students develop their creative writing skills.

"Some of my return college students say the books students today create are different than when they wrote their books. It's true," Anderson said. "Each year the books get progressively better because each year the students' writing skills improve. This is due to the criteria of writing DoDDS-Europe has set for students today. Maybe someday some of these students will become authors because they're excellent writers."

Ashley said she isn't sure if she'd like to continue writing children's stories, but she did learn some valuable lessons in the process.

"Always do your best, work hard on it and when you find a story — stick with it because if you try to change it, you're not going to have enough time to finish," she said.



## -- Mission Reassignment --

# Plan for smooth moves this PCS season

Advance preparations key to successful peak season personal goods shipping, say base TMO officials

By Curt Harrington  
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Traffic Management Office

It's that time of year again. School's almost out, summer's around the corner and it's peak moving season for Defense Department employees.

It doesn't matter if you're married or single, live in government quarters, dormitories or on the economy — being prepared for your move applies to everyone.

Military members train daily to prepare for the mission, but what about when it comes to moving? Most problems that arise while moving are created by a lack of preparation and planning.

A successful move depends on preparation. According to the commercial moving industry association, people should arrange moving plans at least 30 days in advance. However, during the Defense Department's May through September "peak season," members should begin preparing about 60 days in advance.

One of the most important things members can do to start the process is to visit the base traffic management office as soon as orders are available. The further in advance TMO receives the orders and schedules packing and pickup dates, the more likely members will get the dates they want.

It also helps to be flexible when selecting packing and pickup dates. It's not advisable to schedule the pickup on the same day a lease terminates or cleaning crews are scheduled to arrive. Scheduling pickup on one of these days leaves no room to adjust for unforeseen problems. Limited agent capability in the summer means not everyone can move on the last or the first day of the month. Also, it's recommended members keep at least one phone connected until the packing and pickup is complete so everyone can stay in contact.

There are only four major carrier agents serving the Eifel



Staff Sgt. Esperanza Berrios  
**Resha George, left, and her daughter, Tiffany, begin cleaning out their closet in preparation for packing their unaccompanied baggage. The George's PCS this month. The base traffic management office suggests PCSing families place their unaccompanied baggage and personal carry-on items in a separate area when packing. This is to prevent movers from packing the items in the regular shipment.**

region. These agents solicit business from as far away as the Netherlands and Belgium. Waiting too long to schedule a packing and pick-up date may result in getting a date past the PCS deadline.

Avoid scheduling other appointments on packing and pickup days or requesting last minute schedule changes. This often disrupts service for other members and can result

in losing previously scheduled dates. People moving or their releasing agents (people acting under a current power of attorney or under an informal letter of authority signed by the member) must be present on scheduled packing and pickup dates from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If the carrier arrives and there's no one present for packing and pickup, the carrier may terminate services and charge waiting time at the member's expense.

Separate household goods from valuables, including currency, jewelry, credit cards, passports, airline tickets and other expensive or sensitive items. Also, don't leave these items lying around or the packers may accidentally pack them.

During the inventory process, it's important to work closely with the carrier's representative while preparing the inventory to ensure mutual agreement. Disagreements are best handled when the inventory is being prepared. Use the remarks section of the inventory for disagreements. It's routine for the carrier to use "MCU" (mechanical condition unknown) on all electronic items. Further, it's the moving family's responsibility to ensure professional books, paper and equipment are specifically identified on the inventory.

Members should also contact the responsible destination transportation office upon arrival to the final destination. During the peak season, remain flexible when choosing a delivery date. Upon delivery of the household goods, ensure the items are unpacked and reassembled. Once block 14b of the DD Form 1840/1840R (Notice of Loss or Damage) is signed, the move is considered complete and no additional services are required of the contractor, including box and debris pickups.

If a shipment is damaged, it's important to list an estimate of damage or loss on DD Form 1840 and contact the local claims office. Forward DD Form 1840/1840R to the legal office within 70 days of delivery.

Although TMO can't guarantee a perfect move, members who follow these suggestions can help ensure their move happens as smoothly as possible.

Visit [www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove](http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove) or call the base TMO office at 452-6068 for more information. From the very beginning, those moving and the agent should stay in contact, ensuring a positive moving experience.

## Flying Fido: Airline policies vary for transporting pets

By 1st Lt. Jennifer Welch  
52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional)  
Traffic Management Office

As Defense Department employees, we're afforded a variety of benefits. One of our more popular benefits is the ability to move pets aboard Air Mobility Command contract airlift.

Every summer, thousands of military families move to all corners of the world, bringing with them their furry family members, "Fido" and "Fluffy."

According to Defense Department regulations, passengers under PCS orders are allowed to ship pets at their own personal expense. Pets are defined as dogs and cats only and are limited to two for each family.

The total weight limit of a pet including the carrier is 150 pounds. Air Mobility Command handles requests for pet reservations on a first come, first served basis. Requests to deviate from this policy will be submitted through AMC headquarters for consideration.

Pet owners assume the responsibility to

prepare and care for the animal. This means providing immunization documents and border clearance requirements, including quarantine. Veterinarians can assist members with these requirements.

Furthermore, the owner provides pet carriers. Carriers must be approved by the International Air Transport Association and of sufficient size to allow the animal to stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably.

Pet owners must understand while TMO will assist with moving pets, the office doesn't have an influence on AMC's policies. Presently AMC's policy is to provide confirmation of pets no earlier than 30 days prior to members' reserved port call.

Additional information regarding AMC's policy is available at the following sites: [www.amc.af.mil/do/don/pets.htm](http://www.amc.af.mil/do/don/pets.htm) and [www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove](http://www.defenselink.mil/specials/itsyourmove).

### Flying commercial air

Each commercial airline is free to establish its own policy regarding the movement of pets. Owners are responsible for arranging all

commercial transportation for their pets, if the airline on which they are booked has a policy not to accept pets.

Sato Travel has provided a list of all American Flag Carriers and their most recent pet policy for the summer season:

**American Airlines:** Pet in cabin, embargo from May 15-Sept. 15 Pet in baggage, embargo from May 15-Sept. 15.

**Continental Airlines:** No pets in cabin or baggage, regardless of season.

**Delta Airlines:** Embargo in place May 15 - Sept. 15. However, Delta makes a policy exception for military travelers with official orders. Pet may travel in cabin. Kennel maximum dimensions are 17-inches long by 12-inch wide by 8-inches in height. Pets may also travel in baggage.

**Northwest Airlines:** Pets in cabin with a maximum weight of pet and kennel at 4.50 kilograms. Maximum dimension of kennel are 43-centimeters length by 31-centimeters wide by 20-centimeters in height. Pets may also travel in baggage.

**United Airlines:** General pet embargo in place for cabin and baggage. However, United Airlines makes a policy exception for military travelers with official orders. Cabin maximum dimension for kennel is 22-inches long by 14-inches wide by 9-inches in height. Baggage is available for pets of military travelers with official orders only.

**US Airways:** Regardless of season, pets cannot travel in cabin on any of their trans-Atlantic flights. They may travel in baggage once a Passenger Name Record is completed. Call U.S. Airways to have them create a separate pet PNR. Cross-reference the pet PNR record locator in passenger PNR.

When temperatures are forecast to fall below 45 degrees or rise above 85 degrees, all airlines have the right to deny pet shipping, even if they were confirmed in advance. Passengers must reconfirm flights and pet confirmation within 72 hours before departure. The above policies can change at any time.

For more information, call the TMO passenger travel section at 452-6661.

# At Your SERVICE

## SPANGDAHLEM

### Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:15 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Jewish service each second and fourth Friday at 6 p.m.
- ▶ Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

### Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

### BXtra (shoppette)

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-midnight

### Gas station

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Car care center

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Outdoor recreation

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Commissary

- ▶ Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Airmen's Attic

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Bowling center

- ▶ Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- ▶ Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, noon-9 p.m.

## BITBURG ANNEX

### Chapel

- ▶ Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday
- ▶ Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel
- ▶ Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

### Child development center

- ▶ Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Commissary

- ▶ Monday, closed
- ▶ Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Shoppette

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

### Furniture store

- ▶ Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Main exchange

- ▶ Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Gas station

- ▶ Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.



## Community Mailbox

### ACT-Eifel presents

The musical, "Annie Get Your Gun," shows Saturday, Sunday and June 14-15 at 7 p.m., and June 16 at 2 p.m. in the base community activities center. Cost is \$3 for children, \$5 for adults and \$7 for families.

### Family support center news

The following take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-6422 to register or for more information.

■ Pre-separation consultation, Monday and June 17 from 9-10:30 a.m.

■ Resume writing, Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.

■ Pre-deployment briefing for active-duty and spouses, Tuesday and June 18 from 8-9 a.m.

■ Local employment, Thursday 1-3 p.m.

■ Four-to-go pre-retirement seminar, Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

■ Four-week conversational French course, begins June 17 from 6-8 p.m.

■ Sponsorship training, June 20 from 3-4:30 p.m.

The following take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9491 to register or for more information.

■ Home-buying seminar, Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.

■ Pre-deployment briefing for active-duty and spouses, Wednesday and June 19 from 8-9 p.m.

■ Cooking club, Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

■ Spouses orientation, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ Transition Assistance Program workshop, June 18-21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Veteran's Administration representative seminar, June 19 from 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Travel by Train to Trier, June 21, meets at the Bitburg Annex commissary parking lot at 7:45 a.m.

### CAC news

The following events take place in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center, building 124. Call 452-7381 for more information.

■ A six-week conversational German course, each Tuesday and Thursday, starting June 11 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person.

■ Magic game tournament, June 29 starting at 10:30 a.m. Game cards provided. All skill levels welcome.

### SSEMC meeting

A Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club membership meeting takes place Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Metterich Gasthaus. Call Steven Frisch at 06567-932137 to reserve seats.

### Summer reading

Spangdahlem Air Base library sponsors the youth summer reading program June 17-Aug. 16. Registration begins at the library June 17. The program features weekly reading contests and bi-weekly crafts. Call the library at 452-6203 for details.

### Chapel news

■ Protestant vacation Bible school takes place June 17-21 from 9 a.m. to noon in Spangdahlem Air Base building 139. Registration deadline is June 14. Call Elaine Strozier at 06565-955898 or Tanya Peck at 06561-947573 for details or to register.

■ Catholic vacation Bible school takes place June 24-28



Maj. Walter King

### Eagle spread

Christopher King, front, and Alex Hoffman, Boy Scout Troop 165 members, rake mulch along the Spangdahlem Air Base Nature Trail. King and 31 volunteers spent more than 150 hours during three weekends cleaning and repairing the trail. King chose the project because recent logging left the trail in poor condition. The Boy Scout Council approved the project for his Eagle Scout Leadership Service requirement. He also received the 52nd Fighter Wing Environmental Protection Committee's award for outstanding work repairing and beautifying the base trail.

from 9 a.m. to noon in Spangdahlem AB building 139. Registration deadline is June 21. Call 06561-945622 for details or to register.

■ Catholic Holy Family Parish sponsors a trip to Poland Aug. 29-Sept. 4. Registration deadline is June 23. Call Susan Burgess at 06561-945622 for details or to register.

### Special needs meeting

Helping Hands, a support group for children with special needs, meets June 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base youth center. Dinner and childcare is provided. Call 452-8238 for more information.

### Craft classes

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register at least one week early for all classes by calling Craft Corner at 452-4141.

■ One-day tole painting, June 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus cost of wood.

■ Photo cropping, June 28 from 6-11 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2002.

■ Basketweaving, June 18 from 5-9 p.m. Cost is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies.

■ One-day tole painting, June 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus wood.

### La Leche League

Breastfeeding moms meet June 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex hospital large conference room. Nurslings and children are welcome to attend. Call Margaret Loffelman at 06565-7555 or Alice DaFoe at 06561-683893 for details.

### First aid class

The American Red Cross offers a class in community first aid and safety June 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The

course includes infant, child and adult CPR training. Registration deadline is June 20. Cost is \$40. Call 452-9440 or 452-9241 for details or to register.

### Summer camps

Spangdahlem Air Base youth programs and the community activities center offers the following summer camps for youth ages 6-18. Spaces are offered on a first come, first served basis, unless indicated otherwise. Call Eddie Metzner at 452-7545 for details or to register.

■ Teen ropes course, June 14-18, free for youth 13-18. Registration deadline is Monday.

■ Science camp, June 24-28, for youth ages 8-12. Cost is \$10.

■ Computer camp, July 5-19, for youth ages 8-12 and 13-18. Cost is \$10.

■ Space camp, July 7-12, free for youth 12-15. Registration deadline is Monday.

■ Soccer camp, July 22-26, for youth ages 8-18. Cost is \$15.

■ Youth exploration and adventure, July 22-26, free for youth ages 10-12. Registration deadline is Monday.

■ Missoula Children's Theater, Aug. 5-9, free for youth ages 6-18.

■ Teen adventure camp, Aug. 15-19, free for youth 13-18. Registration deadline is Monday.

### Education news

■ Embry-Riddle University offers a class on aviation law starting June 28 and a three-weekend course on airport planning and design starting June 29. Call 452-7553 or visit the branch office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for details.

■ University of Maryland University College offers a field study on the Trier history July 29-Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Registration deadline is July 26. Call the base education office at 452-6063 or visit the office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for details.



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Col. Greg Ihde

## Accessing Direct Line

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Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the Eifel Times and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- [DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil](mailto:DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil)
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

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You have a choice.  
Call Airmen Against  
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at 452-2233.

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## Operational risk management

### Not only Air Force program, but way of life

By Lt. Col. Rebecca Brown  
52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander

Before you yawn or go directly to the classifieds, hear me out. The "101 Critical Days of Summer" have arrived. As a result, enhanced risk management is even more of a necessity as we work and play hard throughout the summer.

Operational risk management, more commonly known as ORM, is a fancy name for the Air Force's approach to optimize risk prevention. Air Force Instruction 90-901 identifies six steps in the ORM process: (1) identify the hazards, (2) assess the risk, (3) analyze risk control measures, (4) make control decisions, (5) implement risk controls, and (6) supervise and review.

This process is a continuous, systematic decision-making tool each one of us is required to use on-duty. However, the vast majority of our accidents and errors occur off-duty. Therefore, ORM isn't a tool to be left behind at the office. It should be an integral part of every decision.

The Air Force also sees ORM as a good judgment tool available to each of us for making sound decisions. In fact, common sense dictates each of us already uses some or all of the rationale and steps of ORM every day. We use (or should use) ORM concepts in our financial decisions, deployment processes and recreational activities.

As you can see, it's not limited to our physical safety. There are hazards involved in everything we do. In each of these activities, we're balancing the most gain with the least risk. It's how we manage risk and minimize its impact that makes the difference.

We all know about the high-risk activities and their obvious hazards, including rock climbing, motorcycling, bungee jumping and so on. What are hazards? They're anything that can hurt you or interfere with accomplishing the mission or task.

There also are hazards when driving a car. Who among us hasn't been in or seen an

accident?

What about the more mundane activities and decisions where you may not think consciously of hazards, risk and ORM? Let's take a look at a low-threat activity such as buying a car. I'll bet you used some form of risk management the last time you purchased a vehicle.

From an Air Force ORM perspective, the first question one should ask is: What are the hazards in buying a particular car? Is it reliable or a money pit, which will nickel-and-dime its owner into bankruptcy in repair expenses?

Next, analyze the hazards to assess the risks. Based on the car's reliability record, will it leave me stranded on the autobahn or on a country road? How much will gas cost on the economy when I don't have gas coupons? What will I not be able to afford if I'm spending all my money on my car?

What risk control measures could you implement to minimize buying a "lemon" and ensure your safety? Here you're assessing vehicle characteristics such as year, make and model, and mileage. This also includes kicking the tires and checking the brakes, looking at and listening to the engine, and test driving it. Smart shoppers ask lots of questions and research the make and model in consumer guides.



*There are hazards involved in everything we do ... It's how we manage risk and minimize its impact that makes the difference.*

Lt. Col. Rebecca Brown

Based on the assessment thus far, you make a decision. Is the car worth it or should I barter for a better price.

Next implement risk controls. Ask the salesperson to give you a 30- or 90-day warranty. Have an independent mechanic inspect the vehicle. Ensure you have a full tank of gas and gas coupons when leaving for long trips. Perform routine maintenance, such as checking tires and fluid-levels, and changing the oil to minimize breakdowns.

Supervise and review is the feedback loop. If you find you're spending more time and money on the car than you originally thought, you must ask yourself if it is worth keeping? This is when the car owner repeats the risk assessment.

Completing each step sounds tedious and buying a car isn't usually quite as risky as bungee jumping. However, the car-buying illustration is useful to understand the systematic approach to risk management. Depending on the importance and the hazards of the activity, the process may require a few minutes, days or even longer.

Is the Air Force saying don't engage in high-risk activities? Of course not. Air Force officials simply want everyone to invest critical thought to increase safety and reduce risk, before engaging in such activities.

Don't push the envelope. Engage in risky behavior only under controlled circumstances. Also, let someone else know where you are and what you're doing. Finally, before engaging in the activity, assess environmental and personal conditions, such as how tired or distracted you're feeling.

Minimize your risk by wearing prescribed protective equipment when riding a motorcycle. Determine how strongly you feel about that long road trip and get the appropriate amount of rest before departing. Once you're out there and conditions change, reassess.

Using good judgment and decisions will keep you in good standing.

## Planning prevents accidents

By Gen. Gregory S. Martin  
U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany** — We all know the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day as the "101 Critical Days of Summer." This period is "critical" because over time we've learned that accidents tend to increase as many of our people take advantage of warmer temperatures and longer daylight hours. What you may not know is that in most instances these accidents are preventable.

We can all do a better job anticipating and planning for the many challenges we'll face as we try to balance personal, family and Air Force priorities. By applying basic risk management techniques, you can significantly reduce your exposure to risk — it really boils down to anticipating, planning and taking action to avoid placing yourself in a situation that may be harmful to you or your family.

The first step in all mishap prevention is to be aware of and expect change. Next, match and assess the risks associated with a change. Finally, we must adjust our attitudes and behaviors based on change and

its associated risks. I offer the following as a recipe for your personal mishap prevention plan:

- Expect change
- Assess the risk before you act
- Trust your intuition
- Take care of each other
- Your goal is to survive

I challenge each of you to take the time to develop a personal mishap prevention plan. Remember that fatigue, alcohol, excessive speed, failure to use seatbelts and unfamiliarity with roads contribute to traffic mishaps, so always have a plan in place — it could save your life.

I firmly believe that we can manage risk and prevent most mishaps. I cannot stress enough how important you are to U.S. Air Forces in Europe's mission. Your safety and security are too important to leave to chance so be proactive, develop a plan and have a safe summer! (USAFE News Service)

# S 52nd Fighter Wing Sports Day



A "Beach Bum" team player volleys the ball over the net during a game between 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron members.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Above: A member of the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron team attempts a shot to score against the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron in the wing Sports Day basketball tournament May 30. Throughout the day, wing members participated in nine different sports activities. The Air Force promotes the annual sports day event highlight fitness and close-out May as fitness month. Right: Melissa Duigou has the lead on Staff Sgt. Bobbie Jo Francis in a 200-meter race. Both runners are from the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.



Wing members practice their softball skills on the base fields May 30.



Left, Airman 1st Class Brad Frederick, 606th Air Control Squadron, plays against Tech. Sgt. Travis Messick, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron in the sports day racquetball tournament in the base fitness center.



# Deployed wing nurse pushes weight to limit

By Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs  
320th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs Office

**OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM** — You might say Capt. Tracy S. Edwards likes to stay active. She's in the gym every day, alternating between weight training and cardio workouts.

Monday is a cardio day when she runs six miles. Each Tuesday she builds upper body and each Wednesday she hits the exercise bike. She works her chest, shoulders and triceps Thursday and finishes up the week with running on Friday.

On the weekends she does whatever she feels like, getting up as early as 5 a.m. to beat the desert sun.

"I love the outdoors, working out and any tomboy sport," she said. "Anything to keep me busy."

The 320th Expeditionary Medical Group nurse, assigned to Spangdahlem Air Base, won the female title for the base bench press competition on Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. She benched more than 100 pounds each time.

Although physical fitness is one of her goals, she said she enjoys working out because of the way it makes her feel relaxed and helps clear her mind.

"I'd go insane if I didn't have it," she said. "I love running. That's my time to think and I need that time. When I don't get it, I get very cranky."

Edwards is pursuing a goal of building stronger hamstring muscles and at the same time, encouraging others to get more physically fit. She and some co-workers have set fitness goals for each other and are focused on losing weight.

"A lot of the younger girls are taking my spin (bike) class, run with me and ask me how to eat right," she said.



**Capt. Tracy S. Edwards lifts weights in the gym at a forward-deployed location in Southwest Asia. She said she enjoys working out and staying fit because exercise helps her pass the time while deployed.**

Staff Sgt. Sonny Cohrs

"Basically you have to drink a lot of water and cut out the sugar - no soda. We've established goals for each other and ... it makes us work harder."

Edwards said her spouse encouraged her to try powerlifting when they first met in high school.

"My husband quit running with me because he lost too much body mass," she said. "But he's the guy who keeps me going. My favorite running partner now is my (dog). She's never failed me. She likes to go running when it's 30-degrees and freezing."

## Eifel Sports World

### High school baseball action

The Bitburg High School Barons baseball team pounded Kaiserslautern Saturday 18 - 6 on the Barons home field.

Senior Chad Birnie dominated K-Town striking out 12 batters and wouldn't allow runners on base for five innings.

More than 50 fans came out to support the team in there home victory.

K-Town quickly jumped on the Barons and scored five runs in the first inning. Then, the Barons defense came on strong from the second inning, only allowing one more run in the game.

The Barons came back in the third inning and scored two runs to making it 5 - 2. In the third and fourth inning the route began with seven hits and 10 runs.

Two big plays in the game were when Tyler Romano stole home and Anthony Fornicola hit a home run in the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Barons end the season at home against Ramstein Saturday starting at 1 p.m. (Courtesy of Senior Master Sgt. Andy Flores, 52nd Services Squadron.)

### Men's varsity softball action

Spangdahlem Air Base's men's varsity team placed second in the Kaiserslautern Memorial Day "Yard Buster" softball tournament.

The Sabers opened the tournament May 24 with a 19-5 loss against Baumholder,

which placed them in the losers bracket of the double-elimination tournament. The team defeated Schwienfurt 24-18 May 25 and went on to also beat Heidelberg 17-9 and Baumholder in a rematch 12-9 later in the day.

On May 26, the Sabers defeated the event host, K-Town 13-11, taking the Spangdahlem AB team to the championship against Ramstein.

In the championship game that went back and forth, the Sabers lost 18-17 when the Rams scored two runs with two outs in the bottom of the final inning.

Spangdahlem's Jeff Dahlke, Clifford Gonzalez and Kent Magilligan go on to play on the all-tournament team. Dahlke lead the team with an 0.875 tournament batting average. (Information courtesy of Brian Doyle, Saber coach)

### JAM! Golf challenge

A four-person scramble Just Airmen golf tournament takes place Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Eifel Mountain Golf Course. Call 452-6821 for details.

### Cycling tournament

The U.S. Forces Europe cycling series tournament takes place June 29 at 11 a.m. on Spangdahlem Air Base. The event offers race categories for men, women and children of all ages. Call Senior Master Sgt. Andy Flores at 452-6634 or 452-6496 for details.

### Volksmarching 101

The Eifel Wanderers take a volks-marching starter trip in Kordel, Germany June 15. Participants meet at 9 a.m. in the Bitburg Annex commissary parking lot to drive to the town. Call David Westwood at 06561-18758 for details.

### Youth open recreation

The Bitburg Annex gymnasium opens for youth programs card-holders ages 10-18 Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-8 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 3-8 p.m. Non-members may attend for \$1 per visit. Call 452-9408 for details.

### Youth sports office

The youth sports programs office is located in the Bitburg Annex fitness center. Hours are Monday-Friday from 3-8 p.m. Call Alicia Culham at 452-9410 for details.

### Tae Kwon Do

Register for youth Tae Kwon Do classes at Bitburg Annex school-age program building 84. Call 452-9408 for details.

### Bowling events

The Eifel Lanes Bowling Center summer hours are Monday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, holidays and family days from noon to 9 p.m. Call 452-6217 for more information.

■Spares and strikes reimbursement, June-August. Bowlers earn 5 cents off for spares and 10 cents off for strikes toward game costs Monday-Saturday.

■Deployed family day, each Monday in June from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Deployed-family members bowl for only \$1 per game.

■Bowlerama, June 15 from 5-11:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. People 18 and older may participate.

■Father's Day special, June 16 from noon to 9 p.m. Dads bowl for only \$1 per game.

### Golf events

Eifel Mountain Golf Course offers the following events. Call 452-6821 for details.

■Summer junior golf clinic, takes place each Monday starting June 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$50 per youth ages 6-10 and 11-16.

■Two-day partner tournament, June 29-30, tee time is 8 a.m. Cost is \$25, plus greens fees. Handicaps permitted.

■Junior-senior tournament, July 27, tee time is 8 a.m. Cost is \$10, plus greens fees. Eighteen-hole, alternate-shot game without handicaps.

■Golf lessons with professional player Turner Campbell. Half-hour and hourly lessons available. Call for details.

■The Eifel mountain open, Aug. 10-11, tee time is 8 a.m. Cost is \$10, plus green fees. Eighteen-hole game without handicaps.



## Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More synopsis information is available at [www.aafes.com/Europe/eur\\_mov/snop.htm](http://www.aafes.com/Europe/eur_mov/snop.htm).

### Bitburg Castle

#### Today

##### *Resident Evil (R)*

Starring Milla Jovovich. A virus infects researchers and turns them into zombies. The researchers-turned-zombies then release mutated lab animals they were studying. The government sends in an elite military task force to contain the virus before it escapes and infects the rest of the world. (Sci-fi violence, language and sexuality.)

#### Saturday

##### *The Scorpion King (PG-13)*

Starring The Rock. An evil ruler is determined to lay waste to all the nomadic peoples of the desert. The few remaining tribes have to unite or perish. Knowing their enemy relies on the visions of a sorcerer, they hire a skilled assassin, Mathayus, to eliminate the visionary. (Action violence and sensuality.)

#### Sunday

##### *The Scorpion King*

#### Closed Monday and Tuesday

#### Wednesday

##### *All About the Benjamins (R)*

Starring Ice Cube. Bucum's dream is to open a private investigation firm, but he's stuck following the trail of small-time crooks, like Reggie. Things start looking up for Reggie when he lands a winning lottery ticket, but his bad luck returns when Bucum comes to take him in. (Violence, language and sexuality.)

#### Thursday

##### *Resident Evil*

### Spangdahlem Skyline

#### Today

##### *The Basket (PG)*

Starring Peter Coyote. Intolerance and acceptance take place during World War I when German orphans are sent to a farming community in the Pacific Northwest. Although the children are welcomed by some townspeople, many resent their presence, especially those who have lost family members in the war. (Violence and language.)

##### *Murder By Numbers (R, 10 p.m.)*

Starring Sandra Bullock. A homicide detective is pitted against two malevolently brilliant high-school students in a battle of wits as she tries to solve a murder case. (Language, sex and drug use.)

#### Saturday

##### *E.T. - The Extra-Terrestrial (PG)*

Starring Drew Barrymore. Left behind on Earth, an alien is rescued from adult pursuers by a young boy who hides him at home. The secret is too good to keep for long and E.T. "calls home" for rescue. (Language and thematic elements.)

##### *Murder By Numbers (10 p.m.)*

#### Sunday

##### *Blade II (R)*

Starring Wesley Snipes. After an accident triggers the deadly "blood tide," vampire-warrior Blade must find a way to save the world. (Violence, language, drug use and sexuality.)

#### Monday

##### *Showtime (PG-13)*

Starring Robert DeNiro and Eddie Murphy. Two very different police officers are forced to work together as stars of a new reality-based TV show. (Action violence, language and drug content.)

#### Tuesday

##### *Murder By Numbers*

#### Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.

# Trier Antiquity Festival showcases classical highlights in Roman setting

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Not only is Trier the oldest city of the ancient Roman empire, but also the oldest theater-city of Germany.

Since the area's early beginning as a Roman city more than 2,000 years ago, the ancient capital has been the site for open-air plays and performances.

That's why it's not a coincidence annually, since 1998, Trier has sponsored the popular Antiquity Festival. The event features famous open-air operas, operettas and world-class plays.

Patrons of the 2002 festival include Jean Claude Juncker, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg prime minister and Kurt Beck, the Rheinland-Pfalz minister president.

Among the highlights of this year's festival are:

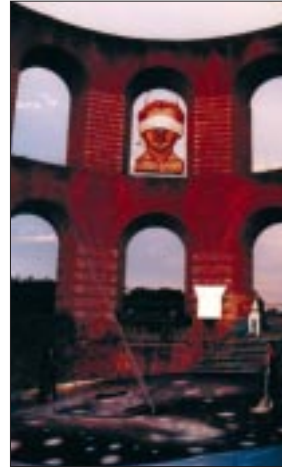
■ The opera "Norma," by Vincenzo Bellini, performed in its original language, June 26, 28, 30 and July 6.

■ The operetta "Orpheus in the Underworld," by Jacques Offenbach, performed in the German language, July 11-14.

■ The Spanish play, "Elektra," performed in its original language takes place July 18-19.

All performances begin at 9 p.m. in Trier's Kaiserthermen.

Tickets to the opera "Norma" and operetta "Orpheus in the Underworld" are 26, 36 or 46 euro. Ticket prices range from 20-40 euro for "Elektra." There is a 2.50-euro surcharge on all ticket prices.



Iris Reiff

**This year's Antiquity Festival in Trier features three star performances, including an opera, an operetta and a Spanish play. Weather permitting, all performances take place at the Trier Kaiserthermen.**

If weather permits, all events take place at the Kaiserthermen. During inclement weather, performances take place at the Trier Stadttheater. For the open-air performances, officials recommended patrons bring a jacket and rain gear, to prepare for weather changes.

During past festivals, thousands of visitors applauded the open-air performances. Each performance is usually followed by a reception, where

visitors have the opportunity to meet special guests and star performers. Food and beverages are also available.

Entry to the reception is 11 euro per person, including beverages. It's located in a nearby festival tent.

The opening concert, "Klassik Open Air," by the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg, takes place June 25 at 9 p.m. at Trier's Imperial Palace.

In the case of inclement weather, the concert also takes place at the Stadttheater.

Entry to the concert is 17.50-32.50 euro, plus a 2.50-euro surcharge. Order tickets from Trier's tourist information office by calling 0651-4978080 during the day or from the city's theater at 0651-7181818 after 7 p.m.

Upon request, groups can receive discounts or package offers, which include lodging, a city walking tour, wine tasting and a travel organizer. Call 0651-42425 or 42426 for details or to make reservations.

Another popular festival attraction is the wine probe. This event features Roman food, served in several courses, wines and entertainment. It takes place June 23 from 7-11 p.m. in the festivity tent. Tickets cost 50 euro per person including a sales surcharge. Reservations are required. Dress is smart-casual for the wine probe. Call 0651-710280 for details.

It's recommended to reserve tickets to festival events early because they sell-out quickly. Only a very limited number of tickets are sold "at the door."



(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. If you want to double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can tell you whether an event was canceled.)

■ Flea markets take place Sunday inside and outside the Cloister Machern, near the Mosel town of Zeltingen-Rachtig; inside and outside the Bernkastel-Kues Gueter hall; on the Trier Messpark fairgrounds; inside and outside the Trier-Feyen Flohmarkt hall; on Baumholder Weiherplatz; at the Idar-Oberstein Vollmersbachthal hall and in Cochem.

■ The International Echternach Luxembourg Musical Festival 2002 offers music by world-famous musicians. The event takes place at various locations in the town now through November.

■ A street festival takes place Saturday and Sunday in Mehring.

## Out and about



■ A wine festival takes place along the Riol Mosel shore June 14-16.

■ The 52nd annual wine flower festival takes place June 14-17 in Neumagen-Dhron.

■ Attend this year's "Rheinland-Pfalz Tag" June 14-16 in Zweibruecken. The event features the largest folks-festival of the state of Rheinland-Pfalz and offers a variety of entertainment.

■ A market takes place June 14 in front of the Bitburg Benda Haus.

■ Visit the popular Speicher history museum. Among displays are products of the formerly prosperous sand stone industry of Speicher and many items relating to World War II. The museum is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Guided tours in the English language are available for groups of 10 or more people, upon request. The museum is located inside the old Rathaus or city hall. Call 06562-2023 or 6442 for more information.

■ Sign up now for the 9th International Pruemtal run June 29 in Irrel. The event will start off with a bambini run at 5:30 p.m. and a short 5,200-meter run for beginners to follow. The main and 10,000-meter run kicks off at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Peter Michaeli at 06525-520 or Manfred Ollinger at 06525-7344. Information about the event is also available at [www.pruemtallauf.de](http://www.pruemtallauf.de). People may register via phone at one of the above numbers or e-mail to [anmeldung@pruemtallauf.de](mailto:anmeldung@pruemtallauf.de).

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following tours in June. Most prices differ for children and adult tickets. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activity Center at 452-6567 or the Bitburg Annex ITT at 06561-945937 for details.

■ Schevingen at the North Sea, June 14-16, \$139 and \$219.

■ London Express, June 14-15, \$89 and \$99.

■ Legoland and Munich, June 15-16, \$139 and \$159.

■ Rhein River Cruise, June 16, \$29 and \$39.

■ Paris Delight, June 22-23, \$134 and \$189.

■ Bavarian Castles Express, June 22, \$74 and \$84.

■ Medieval Dinner at Cochem Castle, June 22, \$65.

■ Belgian Grottos and Safari Park, June 23, \$35 and \$45.

■ Spain for Spring Break, June 28-July 6, \$329 and \$429.

■ Zell Wine Fest Express, June 29, \$20 and \$25.

■ Cologne Zoo and Aquarium, June 30, \$25 and \$34.

Outdoor Recreation offers the following trips in June. Call 452-7170 for details.

■ Europa Park family trip, June 22-23, \$125 and \$160 per person.

■ English-style horseback riding trip, June 29-30, \$175 per person.